

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS PER 9(A) VISA TYPE

I. 9(a-1) Visa for Business Visitors

A. For Business Owners:

- Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
- Invitation letter from a Philippine government/private entity or endorsement from a chamber of commerce (recognized by the host government) in the country where the business is located
- Proof of business operations/ income
 - Business permit/license or registration
 - Bank statement of the latest six (6) months or tax payments
- Hotel accommodation or proof of lodging

B. For Employees:

- Certificate of Employment in a managerial level or higher
- Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
- Invitation letter from a Philippine government/private entity
- Endorsement letter from the applicant's company
- Employment certificate with remuneration or letter of guarantee from the company/sponsor
- Hotel accommodation or proof of lodging

II. 9(a-2) Visa for Tourism or Leisure Visitors

- Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
- Proof of financial capacity (any of the following)
 - Bank statement of the latest six (6) months
 - Employment certificate with remuneration
 - Proof of business income
 - Letter of guarantee from the sponsor with proof of financial capacity
- Documents proving ties to the home country/country of residence (any of the following)
 - Employment certificate
 - Property documents
- Itinerary
- Hotel accommodation or proof of lodging
- For Minors not travelling with a parent/guardian (additional requirement):
 - Letter of permission from a parent/guardian

III. 9(a-3) Visa for Medical Treatment Visitors

- Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
- Acceptance letter or confirmation of treatment or appointment from a Philippine medical or wellness institution

- Proof of medical condition, such as medical abstract from the sending medical or wellness institution
- Proof of financial means (any of the following)
 - Bank statement of the latest six (6) months
 - Pay slips for the latest six (6) months or employment certificate with remuneration (for employees)
 - Pension statements of the latest six months (for retirees)
 - Receipt/confirmation of advance payment or deposit made for the treatment
 - Letter of guarantee from the sponsor with proof of financial capacity
- Health insurance policy (if any)
- Hotel accommodation or proof of lodging
- For Minors not travelling with a parent/guardian (additional requirement):
 - Letter of permission from a parent/guardian
- For escort:
 - Letter from the sending medical or wellness institution assigning the foreign national to escort the patient

IV. 9(a-4) Visa for Yachtsmen/Sailors

- Letter from the owner/captain indicating the following:
 - Port or area of entry
 - Date of entry and period of stay
 - List of crew and passengers
 - Particulars of the vessel:
 - Type
 - Name
 - Registration
 - Call sign
- Boat insurance policy
- Cargo manifest
- Character reference/shipping agent in the Philippines (if any)
- For Minors not travelling with a parent/guardian (additional requirement):
 - Letter of permission from a parent/guardian

V. 9(a-5) Visa for Filmmaking Visitors

- Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
- Letter of request addressed to the International Press Center
- Background of film outfit
- Curriculum Vitae of the filmmaker, including a shortlist of work credits
- Synopsis/storyline of the film
- Itinerary of activities
- List of members of the crew with designations (if any)
- Employment certificate or contract from the film outfit
- List of equipment with certification from the film outfit that said equipment will be re-exported at the end of the trip to the Philippines
- Hotel accommodation or proof of lodging

VI. 9(a-6) Visa for Journalism Visitors

- Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
- Letter of request addressed to the International Press Center
- Background of media organization, or of contracting media organization (for freelance journalists)
- Curriculum Vitae of newsman/journalist, including a shortlist of work credits
- Copy of one published article/work of journalist
- Synopsis/storyline/purpose of the news
- Itinerary of activities
- List of members of the crew with designations (if any)
- Employment certificate or contract from media company
- List of equipment with certification from the media organization that said equipment will be re-exported at the end of the trip to the Philippines
- Hotel accommodation or proof of lodging

VII. 9(a-7) Visa for Athletic and Performing Arts Visitors

- Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
- Letter of request from the applicant's team, group, or organization
- Invitation letter from the organizer of the event
- Endorsement letter from Philippine Sports Commission, Philippine Olympic Committee, Games and Amusement Board, or a national sporting association duly recognized by the PSC/POC/GAB (for athletes)
- Endorsement letter from the Local Government Unit where the venue of the event is located (for performers)
- Contract or agreement with the organizer, including promotional materials
- Itinerary of activities
- Proof of financial means or letter of guarantee from the sponsor
- List of members of the crew with designations (if applicable)
- Employment certificate of crew members (if applicable)
- List of equipment with certification from the group that said equipment will be re-exported at the end of the trip to the Philippines (if applicable)
- Hotel accommodation or proof of lodging
- For Minors (additional requirement):
 - Letter of permission from a parent/guardian

VIII. 9(a-8) Visa for Visitors with Other Purposes

A. For Visitors with Other Purposes

- Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
- Proof of financial capacity
- Documents relative to the purpose of visit
- Hotel accommodation or proof of lodging
- For Minors not travelling with a parent/guardian (additional requirement):
 - Letter of permission from a parent/guardian